

# Close Out Special

1 lot ladies' \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Corsets to close, each	60c
1 lot men's winter caps, 75c value to close	35c
1 lot Underwear, 50c value to close	35c
1 lot boys' and men's Sweaters, worth 75c today, we will sell at	50c
1 lot broken sizes in Shoes, values up to \$3.75, close at	\$1.20 to \$2.25

## Cushing & Benedict

"Where you do the best."

## To Gas Coke Users:--

We have on hand a small supply of Coke which we will supply to former users of our gas coke. We are making coke every day, but in small amounts, and will distribute this, and in doing so will try to get some to every one, and large amounts to none, except those we have contracted to supply. We reserve the right to discontinue the sale of coke without notice.

## Gratiot County Gas Co.

## Delicious!

Sounds good, doesn't it?  
Especially to a hungry person.  
It conveys the impression that somebody has tasted something that hit the spot.  
The flavor was just right. It had to be to bring forth the expression—Delicious!  
Well, the flavor was just right, and the color, texture and volume too.  
We recently asked a young woman who had bought her first sack of

## Lily White

"The Flour the Best Cooks Use."

how she liked "Lily White" bread.  
Delicious! was her reply, and she meant every word of it.  
The first sack converted her as it has converted thousands of others.  
Delicious! is a common expression among "Lily White" cooks.  
Delicious! Lily White is a correct description of the flour "the best cooks use."  
Ask any Lily White user, and then ask your dealer to send up a sack.  
Your verdict will also be—Delicious!

VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

DeWitt Vought was in Ithaca on business Monday.

Lowell J. Green was in Saginaw on business Monday.

D. E. Woodhill of Kalamazoo was in Alma on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Hubert Brainerd is reported as being on the sick list this week.

E. M. Wood transacted business in Barryton the latter part of last week.

Attorney John D. Spinney was in Ithaca on business last week Saturday.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, Vermeulen block. Union phone 47.—Ad.

Mrs. John Robinson visited with her parents in Vestaburg on Tuesday of this week.

Attorney William A. Bahlke left yesterday for New York on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoyt visited with the former's sister in Saginaw over the week end.

Mrs. Charles Ohland of Detroit is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Gerber.

Miss Cora V. Perkins left last week for Tampa, Florida, where she will spend the winter months.

Rev. J. W. Priest, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted a funeral at Ithaca Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. A. B. Bowman left Tuesday to assist in meeting in the North Shade U. B. church near Middleton.

Jack Barkman of Breckenridge, a former Alma resident, was a visitor here on Monday of this week.

O. F. Parker has sold his home in the south part of the city and has purchased a new place on Pine street.

Cloyce Moon of Ithaca was an Alma visitor on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Moon is a former resident of this city.

The Civic Improvement league's annual meeting has again been postponed. It will be held Friday, January 19th.

George Moore left Monday for New York City on business for the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated.

Ike Fink of Columbus was an Alma visitor over the week end. He will be remembered as a former resident of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crandell and daughter, Miss Laura, left this morning for Grand Rapids, where they will attend the furniture show.

J. D. Helman, who was called to Canton, Ohio, last week by the illness of his sister, returned to his home in Alma on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Paul Crandell, who has been visiting at the home of her parents in Saginaw, returned to her home in Alma on Tuesday of this week.

Reid Ruggles is the owner of a little automobile that is attracting a great deal of attention on the streets. It is a small red car, motor driven.

A new Nydia combination lock now graces the front door of the Alma State Savings bank. No keys are used on the lock, it being of the tumbler type.

Mrs. F. W. Hooper, who has been visiting with her daughter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, returned to her home in Alma on Tuesday of this week.

President Harry Means Crooks, LL. D. of Alma college is attending the association of American colleges, which is being held in Chicago, Illinois, this week.

H. J. Vermeulen of Mt. Pleasant was in the city visiting with old friends on Monday of this week. He will be remembered as a former Alma business man.

The Common Council for the city of Alma on Tuesday evening let a contract for collecting garbage to Verne Colburn, and he alone is authorized to collect it in the future.

There is some prospects of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company establishing a sugar plant at Reed City. Negotiations are now under way with the board of trade of that city.

Harry Orwig was called to Lansing the first of the week by the condition of his sister, returned to his home in an accident. Mr. Orwig is reported as coming along nicely at present.

The Parent and Teachers' Club will meet next Friday, January 19th, at 3 p. m., at the junior high school building. Dr. Carney will talk on "Communicable diseases among children."

A mistake occurred in the name of the winner of first pen single comb black Minorca in last week's Record. It should have read single comb black minorca, Carrie A. Sandel, Elwell, Michigan, first pen.

Harry Jackson, who has been spending the past two weeks in Alma, a guest at the home of his father, Rev. J. Frank Jackson, left the latter part of last week for Detroit, to again take up his work as a chemist with the Dodge Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Triewerler of Portland, Michigan, are the proud parents of a little seven and a half-pound daughter which came to gladness their home Saturday, January 6th. Mrs. Triewerler will be remembered as Miss Alma Vought.

Alger Wood, who has been spending the holidays here, a guest at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Wood, left last Saturday for a short visit with his sister at Pontiac, after which he will leave for Crete, Nebraska, to resume his coaching work at Duane college.

The Alma high school basketball team will play Grand Rapids Union high at Grand Rapids Friday evening and Saturday night will play Greenville at Greenville. An even break on the trip is about the best expected, as the Grand Rapids team is unusually strong this year.

The Alma college basketball team will play the Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant on Friday night of this week. With the addition practice and conditioning which will come this week, it is expected that Alma will improve enough so that a victory will be a practical certainty, when the teams clash. Last year Helmer twice led the Normals to victory over Alma, and this year he is just as anxious to lead Alma to victories over the teachers.

### RURAL NEWS

By Our Own Correspondents

#### TOWN LINE

E. J. Ross is moving on his farm south of Alma.

Barney Snyder of Weidman, formerly of here, is working in Alma.

Mrs. Frank Webb went to Shepherd the first of the week. She was called there by the illness of the little daughter of Arthur Childs and wife.

Mrs. James Edwards entertained her brother, William Veeder, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Henry Frousch of Alma spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Will Way.

Charles Courter and family are entertaining their daughter and children from Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Clyde Jones of near Durand is here helping care for her mother who is sick.

Mrs. H. J. Hyde entertained Walter Vielt and family and Royal Hyde and family of Alma on Monday for dinner.

Mrs. Harry Nelson, who underwent an operation in Saginaw a few weeks ago, has been moved home and at this writing is reported as getting better.

Mrs. Nelson will be remembered as formerly of here.

Milton Veeder spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Bert Mills, in Alma this week.

Charles Anderson has been entertaining his grandmother, Mrs. Samuel, of Illinois this week.

Miss Jane Pollick, who fell and hurt her quite badly, is reported as getting better at this writing.

The Jackson Citizen Press states that Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moulton, formerly of here, had the unusual pleasure of celebrating their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary Sunday, December 24th. They were married in Napoleon, moving soon afterwards two miles west of Alma where they lived for forty-eight years, then moving to Jackson county so to be near relatives. Both are well and active and received the congratulations of their many friends and relatives.

Friends received word from Mrs. William Emsley, formerly of here but now of Canada, that her husband has died and her son, Fred, had gone to England to the war and her other son, George, expected to go this month.

Mrs. Emsley has the deepest sympathy of her old friends and neighbors in this vicinity.

Word reached here that a little daughter had arrived at the home of Clair Nelson and wife of Saginaw, formerly of here, a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shong had a party Wednesday evening, there was a large crowd and a good time reported.

Frank Clow, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Peter Clow, and brother, John, has returned to his home in New York.

Mrs. Vancore and children attended the funeral of her sister in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday. She died in Detroit and the remains were brought to Mt. Pleasant.

The neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Witter a farewell party Friday evening. A fine time was reported. They will move to Alma to make their future home.

Hamilton Gee states that he has sold his farm to Professor Randall of the Alma college the last week.

#### OBITUARY

Miss Matilda Sloan was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, October 17, 1837, and died at her home in Vestaburg, Michigan, Saturday, December 30, 1916, aged 79 years, 2 months and 13 days.

In 1869, she was united in marriage to Jacob Kuster, and they resided in Ohio until 1878, when they moved to Richland township, Montcalm county, Michigan. They were among the early pioneers of that place, and have been residents of that place ever since.

Mrs. Kuster was united to the United Brethren church when 18 years of age and has been a consistent Christian ever since. Her Bible was the book of books for her. Hers was a long and tedious illness, and her sublime patience and her angelic goodness all through her illness, was an emblem of the beautiful spirit she possessed.

She leaves two sons, five daughters, eighteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, two brothers, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Her husband preceded her nearly twelve years ago.

The funeral services were held at the Church of Christ Tuesday afternoon, January 2, 1917, Rev. J. D. Tanner officiating. Interment was made in the family lot in the Vestaburg cemetery.

In Memory.

A precious one has left us,  
Those dear sweet lips are still;  
A place is vacant in that home,  
No other one can fill.

On this earth her life was noble,  
She was kind and good to all;  
Through her sickness she was patient,  
Waiting the Savior's call.

He has called her, she has left us;  
She is with the angels there;  
Grandpa stands beside her smiling,  
Stroking gently her silver hair.

She is happy with her loved ones,  
In that home so bright and fair;  
May God bless and keep her always,  
Is her grandchildren's prayer.

—Ethelyn Kuster.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the kind friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother. Also the Ladies Aid at Rock Lake for the beautiful floral offering.

The Children and Grandchildren of Mrs. Matilda Kuster.

Union telephone directories of Ovid, Elsie, Chapin, Bannister and Femore are coming from the Record presses this week.

**\$600,000**

For Alma College

by

**May 15, 1918**

**Alma College**

**B**EGINS in earnest the active work of solicitation on her big forward movement. The citizens of Alma will be asked to help. On their response much will depend. Are you planning to co-operate?